

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY NOTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2004 · 10:30 – 12:00 P.M.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Forty-three stakeholders in attendance

II. Updates & Announcements

- Next Planning Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 4, 2004, 10:30 – Noon, County of San Diego, 8965 Balboa Ave, Conference room (1st floor)

III. Presentation: LTCIP draft Administrative Action Plan

PowerPoint slides available on LTCIP website

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/cnty/cntydepts/health/ais/ltc/> or by calling 858-694-3252

IV. Group Discussion: Questions and comments from stakeholders regarding the draft LTCIP Administrative Action Plan:

- What are we doing with the disabled? Why will all disabled under age 65 not be integrated for so long?
- Mental health services offering unclear
- Part B Medi-Medi payments – how will they be handled?
- Physician comment: Why fix a system that isn't broken?
 - hospital funding/revenue issue
 - system currently under-funded; to add “20% -40%” in administrative costs is absurd
 - patients won't benefit (not providing any new services under integration that are not currently offered; well-established patient/provider relationships at risk of being disrupted)
 - only health plans will benefit
 - increased costs will “bankrupt the system”
 - not enough physician input; LTCIP is not reaching the “right” stakeholders
- Hospital representative went on record with rebuttal to above comments to say San Diego County hospitals do support the efforts of this project.
- Consumer advocate comment: the system is broken, but costs concerns are valid – can it really be budget neutral upfront without taking dollars away from patients?
- LTCIP has always strived to be an inclusive planning process; participation is open to anyone; all project activity is documented on the LTCIP website; stakeholders are encouraged to invite friends, colleagues and other interested parties to participate.
- What about enrollment numbers for each phase to reach ultimate goal of 100,000 members? Will 300 per month in the first phase appropriately or in a timely manner get us to the goal? What are the projected numbers for other phases? Breakeven point?

- Inclusion of value-added home and community based services unclear
- Will other categories of funding be integrated other than through the MOU structure?
- What about other target populations other than Medi/Medi? Where's the incentive to include these populations? Was under the impression from the beginning that there would be great strides made for including all populations.
- IHSS is on the State budget cut list – where does IHSS fit into this?
- Home and community-based support services and care management are integral to this model. Consumers need/want LTCI (holistic) services.
- How can we make LTCIP work without start-up funding? Can we turn to RWJF or other foundations for support?
- Clarify what is meant by “budget neutrality”?
- Can you get to budget neutrality in a voluntary system?
- Will all six current HSD plans participate? Will there be sufficient enrollment to make it work for the participating plans/provider networks?
- LTCIP needs to be aware of potential changes to Medi-Cal system that may take place as a result of State redesign efforts and address the impact of these changes as they relate to LTCIP.
- There seems to be too much emphasis on the “medical” model. Caretakers are just as or more crucial than physicians. We need to focus on the social side and on paying caretakers (the people who do the “real” work), not just physicians.
- Cash & Counseling Demonstrations Programs offer best practice examples for consumer empowerment, choice and independence re: personal health care decisions.

V. Immediate Next Steps - Stakeholder comments and input requested by April 23, 2004; Update County Board of Supervisors (5/04); Revise AAP; Gain consensus (4/04-6/04); Submit County-approved AAP to State Office of Long Term Care (6/30/04).

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